A Student's Guide to Counting Words on an NHD® Website

According to the _NHD Contest Rule Book_ (page 34), **"Website entries may contain no more than <u>1,200 visible words that you write</u>."**

What counts toward the 1,200 words?

Besides the words you write in the body of your website, these 1,200 student-composed words also include words you write in captions, graphs, timelines, or any pictures, videos, or sound recordings **that you create**.

What DOES NOT COUNT toward the word limit?

Recurring titles, menus, and navigational elements	Primary/secondary source materials or quotes	Required primary/secondary source credits	Any HTML/CSS code or alternate text tags on images

Required home page inclusions:
Student Name(s)
Entry Title
Division/Category
Student-Composed Word Count
Multimedia Length (if applicable)
Process Paper Word Count
Main Menu

Common Word Counting Obstacle: Source Credit versus Caption

What is the difference between a **required source credit** and an optional **caption**?

Source Credit

This is a required **source credit** and **DOES NOT COUNT** toward the word limit.

Booker T. Washington c. 1910, Library of Congress (2013649123)

Caption and Source Credit

The first sentence is a caption (**in red**) and does count toward the word limit because it shows analysis and interpretation. The source credit (**in black**) underneath does not count.

Booker T. Washington's leadership of the National Negro Business League created economic opportunities for the African American community.
Booker T. Washington c. 1910, Library of Congress (2013649123)

Tip from Fellow Website Students: Keep the styling for source credits and captions the same across your website. For example, you could make all source credits **bold** and all captions _italicized_.

Counting Words on a Website: A Walkthrough

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire:
A Turning Point in the US Labor Movement

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"Every week I must learn of the untimely death of one of my sister workers. Every year thousands of us are maimed. The life of men and women is so cheap and property is so sacred."
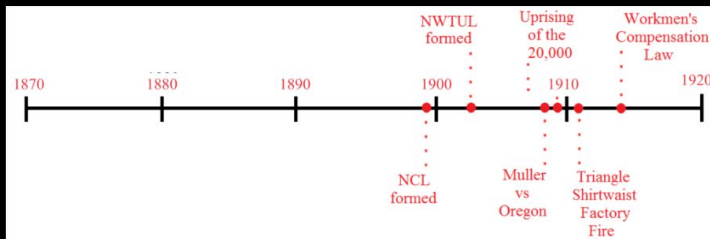**Rose Schneiderman, The Survey, 1911**

"142 Die When Shirtwaist Factory Burns," *The Washington Herald*, **26 March 1911, Library of Congress**

The 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire stands as a watershed moment in U.S. labor history, serving as a catalyst for significant advancements in workers' rights and safety regulations by galvanizing public sentiment, sparking a new wave of activism, and influencing legislative changes that transformed the landscape of the labor movement in the United States.

"More than 140 Die..." *New-York Tribune*, **26 March 1911, Library of Congress.**

This article includes very interesting hand-drawn illustrations of the fire and its location in NYC. It was the only article to do anything like this at the time.

Student Name
Senior Group Website
Student-Composed Words: 1200
Multimedia: N/A
Process Paper Word Count: 400

Enter Site

Entry Title: This is required on the homepage and can be included at the top of each page as a recurring title. These **DO NOT COUNT** toward the word limit.

Navigational Elements: This is the main menu. It's required on the homepage and does not count. All other pages must also include a menu or navigation buttons.

Primary or Secondary Source Quotes and Source Credits: Quotes and their source credits **DO NOT COUNT**, as these are required for all primary and secondary sources.

Source Credits: Source credits **DO NOT COUNT**. These are required for all primary and secondary sources.

Student-Composed Text: This text **DOES COUNT** toward the student-composed word count.

Source Credits: Source credits **DO NOT COUNT**. These are required for all primary and secondary sources.

Student-Composed Text: This **caption** after the required source credit **DOES COUNT**. Captions, while not required, add extra details and analysis about the source.

Student-Composed Text: This timeline does not have a source credit. If it doesn't have a source credit, we have to assume that this is student-created. Therefore, all of these words **DO COUNT.**

Required Home Page Inclusions: This section of the home page includes the student(s) name(s), division, category, student-composed text word count, multimedia length (if applicable), and process paper word count. These **DO NOT** count

Navigational Element: This navigation button is a recurring navigational element. This **DOES NOT** count.

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